

## Public Notice – Environmental Permit

**PURPOSE OF NOTICE:** To seek public comment on a draft permit from the Department of Environmental Quality that will allow the fill of non-tidal wetlands and tidal subaqueous bottom in Portsmouth, Virginia.

**PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD:** For 30 days, starting from the day after the notice is in the newspaper: August 29, 2016 to September 28, 2016.

**PERMIT NAME:** Virginia Water Protection Permit issued by DEQ, under the authority of the State Water Control Board

**APPLICANT NAME, ADDRESS AND PERMIT NUMBER:** Virginia Port Authority, c/o Mr. Matthew Barnes-Smith, 600 World Trade Center Boulevard, Norfolk, Virginia 23510; VWPP No. 16-0247.

**PROJECT DESCRIPTION:** Virginia Port Authority has applied for a new permit for the Virginia International Gateway Phase II Expansion, located at 1000 International Gateway Boulevard. The permit will allow the applicant to fill 1.08 acres of scrub-shrub wetlands, 1.07 acres of emergent wetlands and 2.43 acres of subaqueous bottom. The activity proposed in the permit will affect the Elizabeth River in the James River watershed. A watershed is the land area drained by a river and its incoming streams. To compensate for the affected area, the applicant would purchase 2.69 wetland credits from an approved wetland mitigation bank servicing HUC 02080208. DEQ's preliminary decision is to issue the permit.

**HOW TO COMMENT AND/OR REQUEST A PUBLIC HEARING:** DEQ accepts comments and requests for public hearing by e-mail, fax or postal mail. All comments and requests must be in writing and be received by DEQ during the comment period. Submittals must include the names, mailing addresses and telephone numbers of the commenter/requester and of all persons represented by the commenter/requester. A request for public hearing must also include: 1) The reason why a public hearing is requested. 2) A brief, informal statement regarding the nature and extent of the interest of the requester or of those represented by the requestor, including how and to what extent such interest would be directly and adversely affected by the permit. 3) Specific references, where possible, to terms and conditions of the permit with suggested revisions. A public hearing may be held, including another comment period, if public response is significant, based on individual requests for a public hearing, and there are substantial, disputed issues relevant to the permit.

**CONTACT FOR PUBLIC COMMENTS, DOCUMENT REQUESTS AND ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:** Jeffrey Hannah; Tidewater Regional Office, 5636 Southern Boulevard, Virginia Beach, Virginia, 23462; Phone: 757-518-2146; E-mail: [jeffrey.hannah@deq.virginia.gov](mailto:jeffrey.hannah@deq.virginia.gov); Fax: 757-518-2009. The public may review the draft permit and application at the DEQ office named above by appointment or may request copies of the documents from the contact person listed below.